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a first opening therethrough, the first opening being adapted to receive a rotatable shaft and to enable the rotatable flinger to form a compression seal against the rotatable shaft; and

an outer flange disposed external to the cover to fling material that comes into contact with the outer flange away from the bearing assembly.

2. (Amended) The bearing assembly as recited in claim 1, wherein the rotatable flinger has an inner flange, the inner and outer flanges having a greater diameter than a second opening through the cover, the inner and outer flanges cooperating with a portion of the cover surrounding the second opening to secure the rotatable flinger to the cover.

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7. (Amended) The bearing assembly as recited in claim 1, wherein the bearing insert comprises a plurality of roller bearings.

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13. (Amended) A sealing assembly for forming a seal between a bearing assembly and a rotatable shaft, comprising:

a cover removably securable to a bearing housing; and

a rotatable member securable to the cover and adapted to receive the rotatable shaft therethrough, the rotatable member being configured to form a seal against the rotatable shaft and to rotate therewith to fling liquids or solids that come into contact with the rotatable member away from the cover.

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22. (Amended) A method of assembling a bearing assembly for supporting a rotatable shaft, comprising the acts of:

engaging a rotatable shaft with a flinger operable to rotate with the rotatable shaft and form a compression seal therewith;

positioning the rotatable shaft through a portion of a bearing insert;

rotatably securing the flinger to a removable cover by disposing the cover between an inner flanged portion of the flinger and an outer flanged portion of the flinger; and

securing the cover to a bearing housing.